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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION LINE 7, PARA 3 OMITTED)

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: PINS, PU

SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PAIGC INDEPENDENCE

REF:STATE 193914

1. WE HAVE NOTED COMMENTS IN ADDIS 11452 AS WELL AS IN MESSAGES FROM SEVERAL OTHER AFRICAN POSTS CONCERNING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

2. BEGIN FYI - OUR INTENTION WAS TO AVOID GETTING INTO ARGUMENT AT UN OR ELSEWHERE AS TO WHETHER CONDITIONS FOR RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT GUINEA BISSAU HAD BEEN MET AND ALSO TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT US WOULD NECESSARILY RECOGNIZE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA BISSAU IF THESE CONDITIONS WERE MET. END FYI.

3. IN VIEW OF THE POINTS RAISED IN POST MESSAGES WE HAVE REVISED GUIDANCE AS FOLLOWS: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS TRADITIONALLY LOOKED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FACTS BEFORE IT HAS EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO A NEW STATE. THESE FACTS INCLUDE THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER A CLEARLY-DEFINED TERRITORY AND POPULATION; AN ORGANIZED GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THAT TERRITORY; AND A CAPACITY TO ACT EFFECTIVELY TO CONDUCT FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TO FULFILL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. IN AFRICA THESE FACTUAL CRITERIA HAVE GENERALLY BEEN MET IN THE PAST, FOLLOWING A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL STATUS THROUGH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLONIAL POWER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY CONCERNED. UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, HOWEVER, EVEN IF THE ABOVE FACTUAL CRITERIA ARE PRESENT, A STATE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER ENTITY AS A STATE. PARA THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY CONCERNED IS NOT CLEAR ENOUGH FOR US TO CONDUCT AN INITIAL FACTUAL APPRAISAL. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND ASSESS DEVELOPMENTS

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THERE IN LIGHT OF OUR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF DETERMINATION AND OUR HOPE THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAN BE ACHIEVED."

4. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND THIS STATEMENT.
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